

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 27, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wender at 6:30.P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.
3. Roll Call was taken by County Clerk Dolly Cook, and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman Wender, Vice Chairman Smith and Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Martin and Stevens. (5)

Absent: (0)

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Stephanie Brule, Sheriff Scott Celello, Equalization Director Larry Swartout, Administrative Assistant Sonya Pugh and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the agenda with the following additions:

6. B. Resolutions and Legislation

2. Approve a Resolution waiving the restrictive covenant on the old hospital property.

3. Approve a letter of appreciation to retiring County Treasurer Margie Tarsi.

7. L. Public Safety & Judiciary

1. Authorize the Sheriff to advertise to sell a 14" 2008 Mirro Craft boat with trailer.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

County Board/Hospital Board Meeting - 6/7/11.
Regular Meeting - 6/13/11
Finance Meeting - 6/16/11

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens; Time and there was no participation.

1. Chairman Wender opened the Public Hearing relative to the request from Bellin Health to waive the restrictive covenant on the old hospital property at 6:34 P.M.

Kim Evans, Director of Support Services of Bellin Health, addressed the Board. She stated she hoped the Board would approve the waiver of the restrictive covenant which would clear the title and allow Bellin to move forward by July 1st. She thanked the Board.

John Schon, Dickinson County Healthcare Systems, addressed the Board. He stated the Hospital Board has authorized him to encourage the County Board to proceed with the waiving of the restrictive covenant on the old hospital property. He stated their concern was always the drawing of the healthcare from Dickinson County which would effect the care Dickinson County Healthcare Systems provides to the community. He stated it would also have an economic impact.

Sarah Powell, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She stated she lives across the street from where Bellin will build. She stated they are happy to see this come in. She stated Bellin will be a great addition. She stated they are very supportive and her only concern was parking, where the entrance and exits will be.

Commissioner Stevens stated how pleased he is with the progression of the hospital. He stated all the services the hospital provides is great for our community. He urged all residents to use the hospital. He stated give our hospital a chance. He stated this will be good for the community.

Commissioner Martin stated it was very encouraging to have a citizen, homeowner and mother come forward and say this is good.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., asked if there was anyone from Iron Mountain present?

Ted Corombos, Iron Mountain City Councilman, addressed the Board. He stated he thought the reason that covenant was put on was because at the time of the sale, it was to stop another hospital from coming in and using the old building. He stated Iron Mountain would certainly like the tax base to be in Iron Mountain. He thanked the Board.

Commissioner Wender asked if they could extend the three year contract concerning Lab and Ex-Ray use at Dickinson County Healthcare? Ms. Evans stated she was not prepared to talk about the diagnostic agreement.

Prosecutor Brule stated it has been reviewed by the Hospital Attorney and their Board. The County and Bellin have reviewed it and the language will allow the covenant to be waived and to be recorded.

Chairman Wender closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 P.M.

2. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

B. Resolutions and Legislation - Commissioner Martin

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to authorize the Chairman to sign the legal document(s) necessary to waive the Restrictive Covenant Agreement dated 11/21/97 and attached to the sale of the former Dickinson County Hospital property located on Woodward Avenue, Iron Mountain, MI, in the interest of promoting the sale of this property to Bellin Health. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.,	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Smith	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Smith to approve a Resolution waiving the restrictive covenant on the old hospital property. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin	Aye	
Smith	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	
Degenauer Jr.	Aye	Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve a letter of appreciation to retiring County Treasurer Margie Tarsi. Commissioner Stevens read as follows:

“With deep appreciation, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its sincere thanks to you for your forty-three years of service and dedication to Dickinson County. Thirty of those years have been as a full time employee and for twelve of those years, you served the citizens of this county as their Treasurer. We believe this is a record of service unequalled in the annals of Dickinson County and we commend you for your dedication.

We valued your quiet competence, your smile, your helpful attitude and practical advice. While your natural graciousness sometime masked a steely resolve, we always knew we could trust your advice and thought you would always be here to guide us.

Now, no more worries about cash flow and balance sheets, tax collections and the fund balance. It's time to lavish all that attention on family and fun, especially the grandkids (We're sure they will know how to manage their allowance.)

We extend to you our best wishes for a happy, healthy and long retirement and our deepest appreciation for your years of service.

We will miss you, Margie.”

Sincerely,

Dickinson County Board of Commissioners

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. Finance Committee - Finance Chairman John Degenauer, Jr.

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the monthly bills for May in the amount of \$196,703.68. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

Smith Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Martin Aye Motion Carried.

B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Frank Smith

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to acknowledge the letter from MDNR relative to obtaining clear title to the CLC property.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Smith stated there is a contest for the new name of the YMCA. He further stated the new tuck pointing at the YMCA is chipping and he asked if Kay could check the warranty. He stated that will be added to the Airport meeting which will be changed to a Committee of the Whole meeting.

D. Six County Employment Alliance - Commissioner Frank Smith - No Report

E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of 5/26/11.

F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Smith stated the lawsuit filed about the violations of the Open’s Meeting Act has been dismissed because of no factual evidence.

G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Smith stated another supervisor will be spending full time in Dickinson County.

H. Northpointe - Commissioner Ann Martin

1. Northpointe Board meeting minutes of 7/16/11.

I. Pinecrest - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling- Commissioner Smith - No Report

L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Sheriff to advertise to sell a 14' 2008 Mirro Craft boat with trailer. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Sheriff Celello stated it includes trailer, 15hp Mercury Motor, Canvass Cover and Depth finder. He stated some of the waterways were restricted for a large boat but are ok now. He stated this boat has less than 5 hours of use. He stated there will be a minimum bid and he will have it out on Thursday and Saturday. He stated the money will go back to the Marine Budget.

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to release \$5,000 to the City of Norway for Hanbury Park. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	
Degenauer Jr.,	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 6:30 P.m. will be the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the terminal roof bids at the Airport.

O. Fair Board - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

2. Fair Board meeting minutes of 4/5 & 4/19/11.

P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin

1. Library Board meeting minutes of 6/14/11.

Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Frank Smith

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to set the salary for the County Treasurer appointee for the balance of the current term, which expires 12/31/12, at its current level of \$56,371. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Smith	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	Motion Carried.

S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

T. Dickinson County Road Commission - Commissioner Henry Wender

2. Road Commission meetings minutes of 6/8/11.

Commissioner Wender stated that Sandy Lindholm received a Commendation Award for outstanding service from the County Road Association of Michigan's Finance & Human Resource Committee.

U. Construction Code Commission - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

3. Construction Code Commission meeting minutes of 4/27/11.

V. Bay West Advisory Committee - Ann Martin - No Report

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person):
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Martin

1. Make appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

A. Motion by Commissioner Martin to nominate the following applicants: Jayna Ashbacher, David J. Brisson, James R. Carey and Ron Matonich to the Road Commission for a term to expire 4/30/14. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.	Brisson
Martin	Brisson
Smith	Brisson

Stevens Brisson
Wender Brisson

David J. Brisson was appointed to the Road Commission for a term to expire 4/30/2014.

Roll Call Vote for appointment to expire 4/30/2013 (Same applicants as above)

Martin Carey
Smith Ashbacher
Stevens Carey
Wender Carey
Degenauer Jr. Carey

James R. Carey was appointed to the Road Commission for a term to expire 4/30/2013.

B. Construction Code: Two 2-year terms to expire 7/26/13

Motion by Commissioner Martin, Supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to appoint Denny Olson to the Construction Code for a term to expire 7/26/2013. (There was only one applicant.) All Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Construction Board of Appeals: Three 2-year terms to expire 2/27/13

Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Smith to appoint, Robert Mattson, Charles J. Meyer and Colin Jacobetti to the Construction Board of appeals for a term to expire 2/27/2013. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Fumee Lake Commission: Three 3-year terms to expire 7/14/14, and
Balance of a term to expire 7/14/12

Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to appoint Phyllis Carlson and Nathan Ruble to two - three year terms to expire 7/14/2014. All Ayes, Motion Carried. (Only two people applied.)

E. Northpointe Board: Balance of a term to expire 3/31/12.

Motion by Commissioner Martin to nominate the following applicants: Peggy M. Erickson and Gerald McCole. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Smith Erickson
Stevens Erickson
Wender Erickson
Degenauer Jr. Erickson
Martin Erickson

Peggy M. Erickson was appointed to Northpointe for the balance of a term to expire 3/31/2012.

F. Planning Commission: Balance of a term to expire 2/28/14.

Motion by Commissioner Martin to nominate Larry Rusch (Only Applicant) to the Planning Commission: Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Wender Nay
Stevens Aye
Smith Nay
Martin Aye
Degenauer Jr. Nay

Larry Rusch was not appointed to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Smith stated his letter was brief and there was no indication of experience or qualifications.

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Martin - None

11. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept Committee Reports and Correspondence and Place on File. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. Controller's Report.

Controller Pascoe stated they had the waiver of the restrictive covenant and if everybody would like to sign they can do so after this meeting. Dale Alessandrini stated his brother wouldn't be in town till Friday.

13 Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Martin stated she hoped the new PA System works and she stated we should verify with the courts that it does.

Commissioner Stevens asked about the letter to the County about Medical Marihuana ordinances.

It was the consensus of the Board for the Planning Commission to use the Courthouse address and use their letterhead to send the letters out themselves.

Pascoe stated Zoning is a local problem and the County shouldn't get involved in a local issue.

Commissioner Stevens wanted some direction.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated when the Board makes appointments to the various Committees and they ask for information he would like the applicant to tell us why they want the position. He stated if you are interested, tell us.

Commissioner Wender stated we had good qualified candidates for the committees that were appointed tonight.

14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:21 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

